

## YOUTH IS HELD WITHOUT BAIL FOR KILLING PRIEST

Seventeen-Year-Old Enrique de Lara, the Police Say, Admits the Murder.

### SON OF A WEALTHY MAN

He Told Detectives Father Asencio Insulted Him—Confesses Robbing Priest.

Detectives were busily engaged today in gathering up corroborative evidence to substantiate the confession of Enrique de Lara, the handsome seventeen-year-old Santo Domingo, who calmly confessed when he was arrested last night that he shot and killed his fellow countryman, Rev. Father Arturo Asencio, in Central Park, on the night of Sept. 14. Inasmuch as the boy's father, Jacobo de Lara, is reputed to be one of the wealthiest men in Santo Domingo, the police expect that there will be a lawyer on the scene within a short time, and that the confession will be repudiated. The prisoner was arraigned in Centre Street Police Court today and held without bail.

Thus far the detectives have established that young de Lara pawned, the day after the murder, a watch he took from the dead priest's pocket. They have also established that de Lara owned and carried the revolver with which the priest was killed.

Man Heard the Shot. Finally they have found witnesses to show that the priest and the boy were seen together within an hour of the shooting, and they are now searching for a man who, having heard the shot in Central Park, was looking for the origin of the sound and met de Lara walking alone.

De Lara alleges, the police say, that he shot the priest because of an insult offered by the latter. Lieut. Cary, after investigation, believes that the cause of the crime was distinct from any unusual relation that may have existed between the boy and the priest. De Lara had robbed the priest of money and watches two weeks before the shooting. The police theory is that the priest, convinced of the guilt of the boy, threatened him with arrest, and that the boy promptly shot him.

Shortly before he died the priest recovered consciousness in the hospital. He was asked in succession: "Did a man shoot you?" "Did a woman shoot you?" "Did you shoot yourself?"

Not Asked About Boy. To each question he replied in the negative. He appeared to be relieved when he was questioned no further, and lapsed into unconsciousness again with a smile on his face. If he had been asked if a boy shot him, it is quite likely that he would have accused de Lara.

The prisoner is a handsome, intelligent lad, educated beyond his years. He speaks Spanish, German and French, but no English, and says he spent four years in a preparatory school at the University of Berlin. According to his own story, he was an exile from his home because he refused to follow the plans of his father. "My father wanted me to continue my studies in Paris," continued the boy, "but I would have none of it. I was tired of study. I did not want to be a dentist or a doctor, as my father desired. He gave me money to go to Paris to continue my studies, and I took a ship for the United States. On board the ship was Father Asencio. He knew I was disobeying my father, but much he cared. He encouraged me to do as I was doing."

Ran Out of Money. "On our arrival here on July 7 Father Asencio and I first went to Baltimore. Then we went to Philadelphia and put up at a fashionable boarding-house. Father Asencio then came on to New York and I followed later and got with my cousin, Theophilus de Lara, and later with Miss Louise Hachtman, of No. 227 West One Hundred and Twelfth street. My father was greatly displeased with me, but he has been sending me an allowance of \$20 a month. I grew tired of life here and wanted to go back home. I wrote my father and here is his answer:

"The boy took a letter from his pocket, which read in part as follows: 'I will not send you passage money you ask. You must conform to the conditions you have brought about. You must pay the price of your misconduct. Your father blesses you and sends you his regards.'"

When de Lara was arrested last night the police found the walls of his room covered with photographs of women, many of them actresses. There were also two photographs of Father Asencio, one taken in clerical garb and the other in the dress of a Broadway sporting man. With Asencio on the second photograph was a woman who is said to be employed in a store in Fourteenth street.

Spent All on Women. Further questioning of de Lara brought forth the fact that he and the priest were both attentive to many women. Every cent the boy could raise and scrape together he spent on women, and soon he was short of cash and jewelry to pawn for more.

Although de Lara insisted he had murdered Asencio because the latter had insulted him, the police are of the opinion that the youth was desperate for money to spend on the women who had seduced him, and committed the murder for robbery. The boy admitted without a blush that he had robbed the priest of \$120 in cash and a beautiful gold watch, while visiting the latter in his room in the Hotel Inglaterra in West Fourteenth street.

## Youth Who Confesses Murder, and the Priest He Shot to Death



REV. FATHER ARTURO ASCENCIO

## CALL OF TRACK LURES WIFE, SAYS FLATBUSH MAN

Race "Fiend," Pettibone Declares Her, Answering Plea for Alimony.

A plea for separation and alimony of \$50 a week by Minnie L. Pettibone, a young and handsome Flatbush matron, before Justice Stapleton, in the Brooklyn Supreme Court, was answered today by charges that Mrs. Pettibone is a race track fiend, following the horses to New Orleans, Canada, Benning and the West, and spending every cent her husband, William L. Pettibone, could earn.

The Pettibones live at No. 237 East Nineteenth street, Flatbush, and the suit created a stir in court and among their many friends. Mr. Pettibone is an insurance broker, with offices at No. 2 Rector street, Manhattan. His income is more than \$12,000 a year, his wife states. Here are some of the charges made by Mrs. Pettibone: "He has neglected me for two years, spending whole weeks away from home. "Twice he discharged the servants and looked me in the house without food. "Three months ago he had the water and gas cut off. "He sought to starve me by forbidding the grocer and butcher to bring me anything to eat. "He has failed to supply me with money enough to live comfortably and keep the wolf from the door. "He has frequently abused me frightfully, and called me names. "In his answer, Mr. Pettibone sets up that he is willing to grant the separation and declares he offered his wife \$50 a month, which she refused. In addition he asserts: "Mrs. Pettibone is a race track fiend. "She spends all her money gambling and losing on horses. "She deserted me to follow tipsters, being away for months. "In Baltimore her conduct was other than that of a well-behaved married woman."

Justice Stapleton took all the papers in the case. Mrs. Pettibone's lawyer, Burton W. Gibson, asks \$1,000 counsel fees.

### MILLER NOW SOLE OWNER.

Lee Shubert Sells His Interest in Company to Actor Manager.

It was announced today from the Shubert offices that Henry Miller, the actor-manager, had purchased the entire interest of Lee Shubert in the Henry Miller Company, an incorporation formed three years ago to produce "The Great Divide." The amount involved in the transaction is not stated. Mr. Miller takes over all contracts, scenery and properties of the three companies, two of which are now playing. "The Henry Miller Company was incorporated with Lee Shubert, Henry Miller and Margaret Anglin as members. They started as a company in the old Flatbush Theatre. It is understood that Mrs. Anglin, who is now in Australia, also turned her holdings over to Mr. Miller."



There are two new ones in the box. They will be shown September 26th. They are

**ARROW COLLARS**

15 cents each—2 for 25 cents. CLUETT, PEABODY & COMPANY, Makers, Troy, N.Y.

## LAWYER PEABODY, THAW'S COUNSEL, DIES SUDDENLY

Legal Adviser of White's Slayer Stricken While at Babylon, L. I.

Archibald Russell Peabody, personal counsel of Harry Thaw, died early this morning at the home of his mother, in Babylon, L. I., after an illness of less than a week. Ten days ago, while boating in Great South Bay, Mr. Peabody caught a severe cold. He applied simple remedies, but the cold grew worse. Last Wednesday morning he became seriously ill while at his office, No. 2 Rector street. He was on the point of collapse when he reached the Watson home, in Babylon, where his mother, Mrs. Eleanor E. B. Peabody, lives and where he was spending the summer with his wife and their two children, John W., aged twelve, and Eleanor, aged five.

Pleurisy developed and upon this pneumonia. Two New York physicians attended him. Last night he seemed to be mending, but at 2 o'clock this morning he began to sink and two hours later he was dead.

### Of Famous Family.

Mr. Peabody was about thirty-seven years old and of athletic build. He belonged to the famous Peabody family of millionaires who have done so much for the cause of education in the South. He was reared in Tennessee, although a native of New England. He was graduated from Princeton. He married, thirteen years ago, Miss Minnie Emmett, daughter of Judge Robert Emmett. His house in town was at No. 15 West Tenth street, in the old aristocratic residence section of Washington Square. His clubs were the Metropolitan, the Manhattan, the New York, and the Madison Yacht Club. He was fond of yachting and horseback riding. Through his connection with the defense of Harry Thaw, Mr. Peabody became one of the most talked-of young men of the New York bar. He was the only one of Thaw's many lawyers who stayed with him from the start.

### Chain of Misfortunes.

By this death another name is added to the record of misfortune and tragedy that have befallen the family of the Thaw affair. Almost from the moment that Harry Thaw shot Stanford White to death on the roof of Madison Square Garden, in June, 1906, bad luck has pursued most of those who played prominent parts in the development of the famous case. At both the trials, various actors, actresses, professional people, club men, lawyers and business men were drawn into the affair, only to have their reputations besmirched and clouded. Friends of Stanford White, friends of Thaw and of Evelyn Nesbit all suffered. At the first trial the wife of one of the Thaw lawyers, Mr. Peabody, came to see her husband at the hotel where he was confined, caught a cold that resulted in her death.

### "Hoodoo" Chain Far Reaching.

The peaceful wife of Clifford W. Harrington, who was Thaw's chief counsel at the first trial, died from her house under sensational circumstances. Eight months later she was found with a wasted mind and marred body, dying under an assumed name in a hospital in Pennsylvania. The Countess of Yarmouth, Harry Thaw's sister, who sat with him during the first trial, obtained a divorce from her third husband after a humiliating experience of neglect and mistreatment. A woman and two men went insane as a result of brooding over the evidence in the first trial. William Thaw, the brother of the slayer, was wrecked as a result of the strain under which he labored. Most of her personal fortune was used up in the fight to free her son. Lately the old Thaw mansion at Pittsburgh, already heavily mortgaged, was advertised for sale.

Execl's Knight Thaw went to a sanatorium to be treated for nervous breakdown. The market closed active, with the prices the highest of the day, the gains running from 1 to 2 points.

### The Closing Prices.

Today's highest, lowest and last prices of stocks and bond changes as compared with yesterday's closing figures are as follows:

Stock	High	Low	Last	Chg.
Am. Corp.	114	113	114	+
Am. Exp. Co.	114	113	114	+
Am. Gas & Elec.	114	113	114	+
Am. Ice Co.	114	113	114	+
Am. Lumber	114	113	114	+
Am. Oil & Ref.	114	113	114	+
Am. Sugar	114	113	114	+
Am. Tea & Coffee	114	113	114	+
Am. Tobacco	114	113	114	+
Am. Wool	114	113	114	+
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